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**From:** Dean Brookie  
**Sent:** Tue 8/18/2015 4:38:21 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Meeting with Senator Barrasso Staff

Good Morning Darlene

As you know, myself and the Mayor Pro-tem, Christina Rinderle have been in the numerous meetings with the emergency team, briefings, public meetings, and specifically the meeting with Gina McCarthy in which we, together with La Plata County, made specific requests of the EPA. I am happy to meet with Senator Barrasso's staff to understand and discuss options for a long term solution to the problem evidenced by this unfortunate event.

Please let me know the place and time as the visit planning evolves.

I appreciate your time in helping coordinate Senator Barrasso's visit. Coming from Wyoming, I know he is quite familiar with the long legacy of mining issues in the West as well as the critical impact a watershed that extends to populations as far as San Diego.

At the appropriate time, I look forward to meeting with Representative Tipton as well. We appreciate his cooperation with Senators Bennet and Gardner to bring not only accountability but a pathway for solutions moving forward.

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On Aug 17, 2015, at 11:14 AM, Dick White <[rwhite@gobrainstorm.net](mailto:rwhite@gobrainstorm.net)> wrote:

**Darlene,**

**Thanks for the invitation, which I am pleased to accept.**

**I am copying the rest of the City Council and the City Manager as well.**

**Dick White**

**From:** Marcus, Darlene [<mailto:Darlene.Marcus@mail.house.gov>]

Sent: Friday, August 14, 2015 3:44 PM

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Mike Andrews, Staff Director, and Brandon Ashley, Senior Policy Advisor for Senator John Barrasso will be in town next Friday 8/21. They would like to meet and discuss the recent Animas River incident with you. Please let me know who from the County Commissioners, and the City Council can attend. Also Butch if you will invite Sheriff Sean Smith to the meeting I think they would like to have his perspective as well.

Please let me know as soon as possible.

I hope everyone has a quieter week-end.

Thank you.

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